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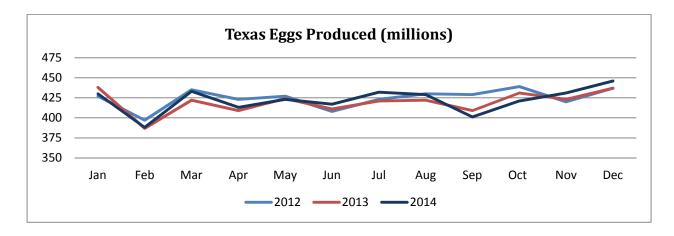


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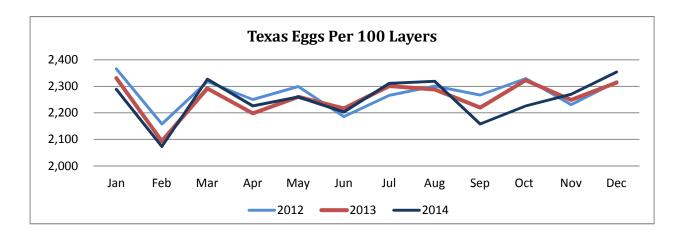
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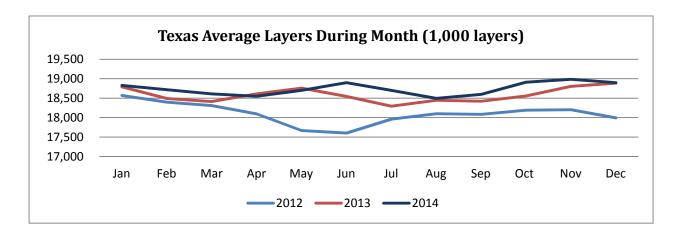
December 2014 egg production in Texas totaled 446 million eggs, up 2 percent from December 2013 and up 3 percent from November 2014, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during December averaged 18.9 million, virtually unchanged from last year and virtually unchanged from November 2014. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,354 eggs, up from last year's 2,314 eggs and up from last month's 2,270 eggs.



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Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 54.9 million in December, up 3 percent from last year.

U.S. Highlights: United States egg production totaled 8.63 billion during December 2014, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 7.54 billion table eggs, 1.02 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 75 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 362 million during December, up 2 percent from last year. Production per 100 layers was 76.5 eggs on January 1, 2015, up 1 percent from January 1, 2014.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 43.0 million, up 4 percent from December 2013. The hatch of broiler-type chicks during December 2014, at 796 million, was up 3 percent from last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.03 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2014, up slightly from December 2013.

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